GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DISINVESTMENT
LOK SABHA

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DISINVESTMENT OF AL AND IA
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Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and Air India have been removed from the list of Disinvestment;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has been asked to prepare a draft report for the Cabinet to clear the confusion over the privatisation of two airlines;

(c) whether both Indian Airlines and Air India have been asked to inject more funds in order to purchase more aircraft; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE):

(a) Proposed disinvestment of the two airlines is the subject of inter-Ministerial review at the present time. Withdrawal by bidders and depressed conditions of the aviation sector after 9/11 terrorist attacks have necessitated the review of the Government`s decisions regarding disinvestment of the two airlines.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) This will depend on the outcome of Inter- Ministerial review referred to in (a) above.